

SINGING AT NEWBIA X ROADS

We, the Newbia X Roads singing society met Easter Sunday, with joy to praise the word of God. Class organized and elected the following officers: Chairman, E. L. Bryan, vice-chairman, J. L. Bryan, secretary, Jim Wooten and J. D. Martin, Treasurer, W. L. Bryan.

Lesson by three, 3 songs each: C. N. Cook, T. J. Bryan, W. H. Marler. Recess ten minutes. Lesson by four, 3 songs each: J. L. Bryan, Richmond Mack, Clarence Bryan and W. L. Bryan. Closed by the chairman for refreshments, one hour and thirty minutes. Everybody enjoyed their Easter dinner.

Called to order and lesson by three, 3 songs each: Joe King, Richmond Mack and T. J. Bryan. Recess ten minutes. Lesson by three, 3 songs each: J. L. Bryan, W. H. Marler, and C. N. Cook. Closed by the chairman with the request that everybody that can, come and be with us on the third Sunday morning in each month and bring their books.

E. L. Bryan, Chairman,
W. L. Bryan, Secretary.

MOUNT OLIVE SINGING.

Singers of the community met at Mount Olive Church last second Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing for the year. Following officers were elected: E. W. Ellenburg, chairman, Roy Helms, Frank Ellenburg and Exton Oliver, arranging committee. Recess ten minutes, after which the house was called to order by chairman singing a few songs, then a lesson by three, three songs each: J. E. Spurlin, Frank Ellenburg and H. W. Ellenburg.

Recess ten minutes, and another lesson by three, four songs each: M. A. Helms, D. C. Ellenburg and Roy Helms. Recess ten minutes. Another lesson by three, four songs each: J. E. Spurlin, Frank Ellenburg and Gusie Grimes. Closed by chairman singing one song. Everybody invited to come and be with us every second Sunday afternoon.

Ruby Bryan, Secretary.

Mrs. Susie Barnes Johnson, of Andalusia was the guest of her cousin Mrs. J. W. Kendrick last week.

Miss Lucile McDaniel Teacher of music in the Elba schools spent last week end at her home in Abbeville.

Miss Lula Mae Vaughn, of Troy Normal, spent the week end with Elba relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. W. C. Braswell spent Sunday with relatives at Chipley, Fla.

LOST MULE—Blue mare mule, five years old, weight about 1000 pounds, sore on left shoulder, left Saturday night. Anyone knowing whereabouts of this mule, notify Burton Grimes at Danley's cross roads or T. M. Smith, Elba, Rt. 2.

Mrs. Nicholson, of Abbeville was the attractive guest of Mrs. Tom Tatum last week.

Mr. Levy Morrow, after several weeks visit to relatives at Jupiter, Fla has returned to Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Symonds returned the first of the week from Thomasville, Ala., where they were called on account of the illness of Miss Antiertha Symonds. Miss Symonds' many friends will be glad to know that she has recovered from her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rushing and Mrs. Johnson, of Sumner, were guests of Elba relatives the first of the week.

Misses Ada and Vera Law, who are teaching in Montgomery, spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. E. V. Law.

The only good excuse a woman can offer for wanting a divorce is that she is tired of living alone.

FORMER FLORIDA CHILD ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Probably one of the saddest accidental deaths to ever occur in this section took place at Milligan Monday morning when a small son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rigell were out playing and pulled up some pieces of an old plank walk which contained long and dangerous nails. The little boy had one of the nails standing on end, and not knowing his little sister was behind him, ran from under the piece of plank which was about four or five feet long and let it fall behind him, which struck the little girl just right for the nail to crash through the top of her little head. Doctors Marshall and Crestview, and Enzor of Bar-burn, were immediately summoned and did all in their power to relieve the suffering of the little one, but she grew worse and was carried to the hospital in Pensacola, and upon arriving there the doctors soon found that the nail had been punctured with the nail, and while but little hope was entertained for her recovery, they did all human skill could do until the end came some time the next day.

The many friends of the grief stricken parents throughout Okaloosa county called to them their most sincere sympathy in this hour of sad bereavement.—Crestview News Journal.

NEW HOPE SINGING.

The Sacred Harp singers of this and surrounding communities met at New Hope third Sunday for the purpose of organizing singing, as they failed to organize on the third Sunday in March on account of bad weather.

Holde was called to order by Chairman, L. E. Johnson by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. C. G. Pope. Chairman sung on a song and we then had a lesson by four, two songs each: Ren Wood, S. S. Killingsworth, George Henderson and A. E. Brooks. Recess ten minutes. Called to order by chairman. After singing one song, the class went into organization for the following year, the officers elected were as follows: L. E. Johnson, chairman, E. L. Wilson, vice-chairman, Willie Wilson and J. J. Dimuko, arranging committee. Chairman sung one song and then a lesson by four, two songs each: Beresford Lowery, Lim Wood, Earnest Flowers, and G. A. Ward. Recess ten minutes. House called to order, then a lesson by five, two songs each: Amos Clancy, Calvin Faircloth, Bobbie Helms and Joe Sanders. Rev. J. E. Johnson sung three songs and closed with prayer, until third Sunday in May. Everybody invited to come and be with us.

Anna Lambert, Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Vaughn and Miss Gilmore of Troy visited relatives in Elba Sunday.

Tanlac makes people strong, sturdy and well by toning up the vital organs.—Elba Drug Company.

Miss Nettie Flourmy who is at the Troy Normal, school, spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Skealey, of Brundidge, is the guest of Miss Mary Ella Boaz man this week.

Why drag around feeling half sick and no account all the time when you can get Tanlac.—Elba Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cosby and Miss Joy Cosby visited relatives at Spring Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Ward and children, of Opp, are guests of relatives at Elba this week.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the people around Mt. Gilead Church and all those who aided us in our continued sickness. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon you.

J. E. Meadows and family.

KILLING RESULTS FROM CAR ALLEGED FLOGGERS OF SYLA CAUGA ARE SUED

Birmingham, Ala., April 12.—Suit for \$250,000 was today filed here in United States district court by P. H. DeBardeleben, former druggist of Sylacauga, Talladega county, for alleged personal injuries resulting from a flogging said to have been inflicted on April 19, last year.

The plaintiff alleges in his complaint that he lost one eye as a result of whipping and that he was physically impaired otherwise, having to remain in a hospital for a period of time.

It is also asserted in the complaint that the plaintiff was forced to sell his home and business at Sylacauga "at a great sacrifice" following the alleged ill treatment.

The plaintiff, who is now a resident of the state of Florida, was entitled to remain in the state, he charged and was beaten by a group of men.

Shortly after the beating, according to his allegations he was forced to leave the state.

The following are defendants in the action: J. O. Griffin, Tom Hagen, Henry Kelly, R. N. Franklin, Earl Evans, Steve Gilliland, Will Gilliland, J. D. Hatchford, Jim Staples, Doc Sexton, Bob Wilson, Pierce Vaughn, Mack Whitehead, Justice Leroy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kelly visited relatives at Troy Sunday.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS.

A million Porti Rica sweet potato plants now ready for shipment at \$1.50 per thousand FOR Andalusia. Your order solicited. TRADE SUPPLY CO., J. E. Shreve, Manager, Andalusia, Ala. 13-42.

FORECLOSURE NOTICE.

The State of Alabama, Coffee County.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage deed, executed on the 29th day of October, 1918, by Joe W. Lewis and F. E. Lewis, to A. G. King, which is recorded in mortgage record, E-3, on page 251, in the Probate Office of said county, at Elba, Alabama, said mortgage and the debt thereby secured having been duly transferred and assigned to the undersigned, Elba Bank & Trust Co., the said Elba Bank & Trust Co., under and by virtue of the powers of said mortgage and foreclosure contained in said mortgage, will offer for sale, in front of the West door of the court house at Elba, Alabama, at public outcry to the highest cash bidder, within the legal hours of sale, on MONDAY, MAY 8th, 1922, the following described real property, to-wit:

All that portion of the following described lands lying west of Big Creek and containing 283 acres, more or less: The west half of the south-east quarter of Section 33, and the south-west quarter of Section 32, all in Township 7, Range 30, also the north-east quarter of the north-west quarter of Section 4, township 6 Range 20, and that portion of the west half of the north-west quarter of Section 4, township 6, Range 20, which lies west of Big Creek, and east of Bluff Creek, embracing all that lies in the forks of the two creeks, and containing about 40 acres; also a tract of land bounded by a line beginning at a point on the Brantley Road where it is crossed by the Quarter Section Line between the north-east quarter of the north-west quarter of Section 33, township 7, range 20; thence running south along the Quarter Section Line to branch; thence in a north-west direction up said branch to head thereof; thence due north to said road; thence east down said road to point of beginning, containing about three acres. All the above lying and being situated in Coffee County, Alabama.

Said property will be sold, as aforesaid, for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and the foreclosure expenses, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Done on this the 18th day of April, 1922.

The Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, Mortgagee.

Sanders & Brunson, Attorneys for Mortgagee.

Elba Bank & Trust Company, Transferee.

By Sanders & Brunson, Its Attorneys.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Singers, visitors and relatives of the community met at C. C. Stewart's on April 9th, for the purpose of celebrating a combination of birthdays, in singing Sacred Harp music. At 9:30 the house was called to order by W. U. McWaters by singing song No. 440, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Brooks. On motion elected the former officers: W. U. McWaters, chairman, A. B. Brooks, vice-chairman, and arranging committee, A. B. Brooks, J. B. Brooks and J. W. Jones. Then appointed C. F. Faircloth, J. P. Brooks and J. W. Jones, 282, 176, 171 and 308. Committee reported lesson by three, 3 songs each: Hampton Fowler, Willie Bradley and J. G. Hayes. Recess five minutes. House called to order by chairman, and lesson by four: C. C. Stewart, L. L. Weed, W. S. Sanders and Earnest Flowers. Dismissed one and a half hours for dinner.

All present were now assembled at a table built for this special occasion, which was weighted down with all kinds of good things to eat. There was more than enough to feed all present. When the dinner hour was over the house was called to order and a lesson by four: A. B. Brooks, J. P. Brooks, J. W. Jones and J. G. Hayes, Secty.

Mr. Donald Hammond, of Dothan, was a visitor at Elba Sunday.

THE BEST FOUNDATION

Are your financial affairs founded upon the solid rock of stability or are they resting upon the sands of uncertainty?

Upon the answer to this question may depend your future welfare. Do you keep your funds in a "reliable" bank like ours, where every safeguard is used to protect them?

Or are you carrying your money on your person, where it is subject to loss? Or is your money hid in your house, or buried somewhere? How foolish. How Dangerous! The place for your money is in a reliable bank like ours, where it is safe, but subject to check.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ELBA

L. A. BOYD, President H. C. JOHNSON, Active V-Pres. S. N. ROWE, Vice-President. O. A. ELLIS, Cashier.

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OVER MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGE TO CROPS FROM LEEVEE BREAK

New Orleans, La., April 23.—Hope of closing the break in the Mississippi levee which occurred at Myrtle Grove thirty miles south of this city was abandoned today after it had widened to approximately 125 feet despite the efforts of levee engineers to close the gap and confine the river to its regular channel.

Engineers hope to be able to "tie the ends of the levee with tarpaulins and let the water run through the already inundated land, this decision having been reached by engineers in charge of a conference at Myrtle Grove today.

While it is impossible to estimate with accuracy the damage done by the break at Myrtle Grove, plantation men today expressed the opinion that at least \$1,000,000 damage had already been done. The Deer Range plantation Company is the heaviest loser. This company owns about 6,000 acres of land in the inundated area, planted mostly in sugar cane. Owners of the plantation say it will require at least three years of harvesting before enough seed can be raised to proceed with the conduct of the plantation on the scale maintained before the flood.

Oysters and shrimp beds and trapping are other industries which will suffer largely as a result of the break. The dumping of fresh water into oyster and shrimp beds around Duluth canal, Barataria Bay and Grand Isle will result in the wrecking of these operations there. Oyster beds are practically ruined since the fresh water will kill of the crop, while the shrimp will leave the territory and cannot be followed up profitably. Murats, whose hides yield an unusual profit of approximately \$300 a pound to the trappers of the lower coast, will be practically wiped out.

As a protection to plantation settlements, back levees were cut in several places but the flood waters continued to spread over large areas of land with no appreciable let up. Down in the bottoms the waters have reached a point opposite Saint Rosalie, two miles above the break, and is rushing on toward Alliance, another mile northward.

No estimate of the area already covered by water or the area yet to be affected has been attempted. The water is known to have reached a point three miles below the break. No reports of loss of life or live stock have been received. Plans for caring for about three hundred residents of the inundated area who have been driven from their homes is well under way, the work being under direction of the Deer Range Planting Co., a part of whose lands are in the inundated area.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL OBSERVE S. S. DAY

The Elba Methodist Sunday School will observe "Sunday School Day" on next Sunday April 30. This day is being observed throughout the Alabama Conference, and it is the purpose of the movement to get every member of the church to attend the services on this day, and all others are cordially invited.

An interesting program is being arranged, and local Sunday School officials urge every member of the church to be present.

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Elba Can Get Radio Station

BY CO-OPERATING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STANDARD RECEIVING STATION CAN BE SECURED HERE FOR SCHOOL AT SMALL COST.

Elba has the opportunity of getting one of the Radio receiving stations which will be bought by the State Board of Education. Enterprise has already made arrangements for the outfit for the County High School. Supt. Graver C. Rowden states that the matter was brought to the attention of the county superintendent and the high school principals at the annual meeting of the Alabama Education Association in Birmingham last week and each County was urged to get ready and advise the State Superintendent how many receiving stations were wanted. A telegram from Mr. Rowden from Superintendent Abernethy requests that he be advised at once how many receiving stations were wanted. The daily papers have news items from many towns over the state stating that they are making arrangements for the station. In Andalusia one of the banks donated the amount of money necessary to purchase the outfit.

The State Board guaranteed that the complete outfit installed will not cost more than \$850, and if it can be bought for less, the communities will get the benefit of it. These outfits are being made by one of the oldest and most reliable electrical manufacturing concerns in the country and will be absolutely reliable. They will be installed this summer or in time for the opening of the schools in the late summer.

Broadcasting stations will be established at the University of Alabama and at Auburn. The Birmingham News gave a broadcasting station to Auburn and Hon. L. B. Murphree of Jasper has guaranteed one for the University. This means that these institutions will send out many instructive lessons for farmers school teachers, and pupils. Besides this, it will be possible to hear concerts, speeches, and information of various kinds from New York, Chicago, and other American cities. By this process, the President of the United States may speak to millions of citizens at a time. There are wonderful possibilities for the Radio Phone and the citizens of Elba should not fail to get a receiving station for this town. We can not afford to do without it when other towns around us are providing this. Besides if we let this opportunity pass it will likely be quite awhile before the opportunity for getting another comes because it is said that the demand for these outfits far exceeds the supply. We can not afford to do without it.

Will ORGANIZE SINGING AT COURT HOUSE

The Clipper is requested to announce that a sacred harp singing will be organized at the courthouse in Elba on the first Sunday afternoon in May at 1:30 o'clock.

All singers in the town and surrounding county are invited and urged to come and take part in this singing. It is also urged that every one who has a book bring it with them.

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BIRMINGHAM NEWS OFFERS FIVE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

Not content with sending five Alabama boys and girls to five of the higher institutions of learning in the state, the plan being inaugurated last year and put into operation at the beginning of the term, Victor H. Hanson, publisher of the Birmingham News, has announced that five additional scholarships will be given by his publication, making a total of ten young Alabamians who will receive a college course of four years, these last five recipients of the scholarships to begin their college work next fall.

When the original announcement was made by the News practically one year ago, Mr. Hanson stated that that was only the beginning and that as the business of that great newspaper enterprise warranted it, more and more would be added to the number who would receive scholarships from it. True to this pledge, the News now offers golden opportunities to five more high school graduates who seek to make of themselves more valuable citizens and who have not the means to accomplish their purpose.

The scholarships offered by the News differ from usual meaning of the word "scholarship." Ordinarily the term is used to mean the payment of whatever tuition is required of the pupil and, occasionally, such books as are used during the collegiate course. The News, however, provides all necessary expenses for the students during the entire four years. This includes, books, tuition, board, etc. And, contrary to most schemes of newspapers which offer such things to the public, the News has no subscription or advertising campaign to put on. There is nothing in the plan of the great north Alabama daily which requires the boy or girl desiring to obtain one of these scholarships to do any canvassing or soliciting. The only conditions attached to awarding the courses are that applicants must furnish evidence that they are of good moral character, studious and industrious, and that for financial reasons they are unable to obtain a college education. The applicant must choose the college to which he or she seeks to go, must present a good high school record together with recommendations from citizens of his or her place of residence. The News itself will have nothing to do with selecting the students. The scholarships are to the University, Auburn, Birmingham Southern, Howard and Montevallo, and the president of each of these institutions will be the sole judge and make the award for his respective school.

Should there be any boy or girl in Elba or Coffee County who has completed his or her high school course and who is desirous of obtaining a college education but has no funds with which to do so we advise this boy or girl to get in touch with the News immediately. It may be the chance of a lifetime. No strings are attached to the proposition; if you do not receive a scholarship no harm is done. It may be that you will be fortunate enough to receive one, in which event you will get free of cost to you four years of college training that you would not otherwise be able to obtain.

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING from headaches, nervousness, dizziness or if letters blur and run together at night while reading, or if you have improperly fitted glasses, you should consult Dr. Roth, eyesight specialist, who has had years of experience in correcting these troubles and whose work is guaranteed. See him in Opp Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., at Dean Drug Store; Elba, Saturday, April 29, 12:00 m. to 7:00 p. m., at Brick Hotel; at New Brockton, Sunday, April 30, 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. at Stephens drug store.

Mr. Alta Bullard, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bullard, returned to Pascagoula, Miss., last week to resume his electrical engineering.

JULE NOWELL SHOT HIMSELF TO DEATH

Dothan Eagle says: The information that Jules Nowell drank half a gallon of beer and fell dead, as reported yesterday, was erroneous. The sheriff's deputies were within a short distance of his house, making a raid, when the pistol fired. He had been drinking for several days, so it is said, and threatening to kill his wife and daughter. He got his pistol, telling them he was going to kill them. They ran into him and in the scuffle, he bit them, but later got loose and went into the kitchen and placed the pistol to the back of his head and fired, the ball going through the head.

Messrs Lamar Rainer and Brickell Parks, of Troy, were visitors at Elba last Sunday.

Miss Lucy Maury from Tuscaloosa is the guest of her sister Mrs. Horace Crabtree.

Miss Jessye Deason teacher in the Elba high school, spent the week end with her parents in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cosby, and Miss Joy Cosby spent Sunday with relatives in Andalusia.

Mrs. W. T. Dalton, of Springhill was in Elba Monday soliciting subscriptions for the Troy Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brooks and Mrs. Hendrix Jeter went to Troy, shopping Monday.

Mrs. Roy Hutchison has returned home after a very pleasant visit to relatives in Atlanta.

Mrs. Will Bishop, of Washington, D. C. arrived in Elba Sunday, for an extended visit to relatives.

Messrs Oscar Johnson and Murray McDowell, of Brundidge, were visitors at Elba Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Atkinson, representing Clements Paper Co., of Nashville, spent Sunday at Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lanier, of Hartford and Dr. and Mrs. J. C. McLeod of Opp, spent Sunday with relatives of Elba.

Messrs Harris Murphree, H. C. Johnson Horace Crabtree and others from Elba attended the Shrines celebration in Montgomery last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Hayes and little son Charles spent a few days in Birmingham last week, where Dr. Hayes was a delegate from Coffee County to the State medical association.

Quite a number of Elba Shrines attended the spring ceremonial at Montgomery last Saturday. A great time was reported by the Nobles. Mr. J. S. Windham was conducted over the hot sands and made a Noble.

The fire alarm was turned in on last Thursday night from the feed mill of M. J. Lee in the Western part of town, when it was discovered that a quantity of feed stuff and some baskets being burned. It was not learned how the fire originated.

Cecil Nall, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Nall, who was operated on at the Masonic Hospital in Troy on last Friday night for appendicitis, is improving now according to late reports from his bedside. His condition was very serious for a day or two, and his many friends at Elba, will be glad to know that he now is slowly recovering from his illness.

Messrs J. S. Lambert and R. E. Ledbetter, State Rural School Agents and Mr. J. B. Hobdy, also of the State Department of Education, came to Coffee county this week to confer with Supt. G. C. Bowden about educational matters. Mr. Ledbetter spoke at the closing of the school at Kinston this week. Mr. Hobdy visited the County High School in the interest of vocational education.

EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL—AM DREAMING, OR IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG.

WHY? Just because it has got to where an honest man who tries to treat "his neighbor as himself" can't make enough to support his needs and hardly enough to make out with. I have added about half the night and part of Sunday to my labors trying to make an honest living, but it is about to overpower me. I know of no further remedy. I have always tried to keep from being mean, that's why I haven't been going to Church. I believe that nine-tenths of the good old religion is to "treat thy neighbor as thyself" in every respect. If everybody would do their part, "do unto others as they wish others do unto them," we would have a little heaven of our own down here. It's no disgrace to work according to the good book. Money is a great thing but I believe it will spend in heaven about like it will do to eat in Alabama. If we live to be old we haven't long to stay here, so why should we worry. We are taught that money will not buy anything in heaven, that is, where I get on as a first class passenger, but if times don't change I think I will have to make more money some way to enable me to support myself, even if I have to quit my work long enough and go to Church and TRY to get forgiveness for my wrong acts. Just think! After Xmas, some one told my children to bring their tickets to school or not come back. Being unable at that minute to buy them, I stopped them, but still I know of other children going on that didn't pay. I never wanted to violate the rules and laws of our country or any private business, that is why I stopped them. It was embarrassing to the children and they would not have learned anything if I had sent them. But listen, has the number of teachers been reduced since me and lots more of the patrons stopped our children, or has their wages been cut. I am unable to say. Yes, after the school is over if I have time I will go over and see if my children's part of the public funds is laid up over there anywhere for fall term of school, as I don't think anyone would spend it for benefit of other children because I was poor. If we could even have one month free school, or as much as we could free, after that all who are able could make it a pay school. But why should I worry, we'll live anyhow.

Just a word about our City rules and laws. I will venture to say there are very few men who have lived in Elba six months who has not violated the town laws in some respect, because it is so tight even the officers don't live up to it. If we had laws we could live without violating and make a living and then enforce them to full extent when they are violated, and we could have a nice little town.

Why, because the higher courts release nine-tenths of the appeals. It seems that Uncle Sam and the jury won't back it up much. I reckon it's because it is made after supper. I also notice we only had until about the 10th of January to pay privilege license. Me not being able and good friends to the officers they waited on me a few days, but I notice or hear lots of them say they haven't paid yet. It looks like we could all be made to pay at once, as my interest on money cost as much as any one.

Furthermore we are paying every man a salary to work for the town; if they can't live on it, raise their wages and the town could have the income or pickups to work the streets to benefit us that are paying it. I am sorry I have taken up so much of the readers time, but if I am wrong I will beg to be excused. But the doors are now open and I want every honest man in the country to join, give us your hand and God your heart and everybody be friends forever. Yes, make everything go smooth and have a good town, county and state, and live happy. Why should we worry.

Best wishes to all. G. W. BLACKMON.

Mr. M. C. Russ, was in Montgomery Thursday and Friday on business.

NEGRO COMMITS BRUTAL MURDER NEAR GORDON

Dothan Eagle says: Raylon Pittman, alias Ray Pittman a young negro, shot and killed his wife in cold blood in full view of her mother and several eye-witnesses Monday morning near Gordon, and then hid in the woods. He was later apprehended by negroes deputized by the sheriff and turned over to the officers.

Pittman is alleged to have beaten his wife on the place of Hugh Graham Thursday night, and she left him and spent the night at the home of a negro named Saffold. Friday Pittman followed her there and stayed with her.

Saturday, the woman went to her mother, Matilda Perry, on Mrs. Epsy's place, and Pittman followed her there. He returned to his home, secured a shot gun he had stolen from Peter Saffold, and spent Sunday night in the woods.

Monday morning, he went after his wife again, and was standing at the gate of a garden in which she and her mother were working before he was seen. Pittman called his wife to come to him, and she walked to the gate with her hands over her head, pleading with him not to shoot her that morning.

Pittman then walked off around the house, forcing his wife to follow him, and as soon as he turned a corner, whirled and fired. The load took effect in the left breast over the heart.

The shot gun used was a single barrel affair, and Pittman is said to have walked off about forty yards, forced the shell out with a stick, reloaded, and returned to his wife lying on the ground, placed the muzzle against her head and fired the second time.

He then took to the woods, and hid. The sheriff's office was notified, and Deputies Watford and Taylor Hicks went to the scene with DuPont Strong and Frank Owens. They deputized several negroes of that locality, armed them and carried them to the woods.

The search lasted nearly all day. Pittman running from strip of woods to another, remaining under cover the entire time. Late Wednesday afternoon, searchers found the murderer. Hillard Johnson went to him, tied him securely while the rest of the negroes held him under their guns, and then Pittman was marched up the road to Deputy Watford and turned over by the negroes.

Pittman was brought to Dothan under the charge of murder and lodged in the County Jail.

Jailer Hicks stated this morning that Pittman is alleged to have said: "I killed her so no one else could get her, and I'm glad of it."

The sheriff's men stated that they wish to commend the negroes taking part in the arrest of Pittman, and that they did some excellent work.

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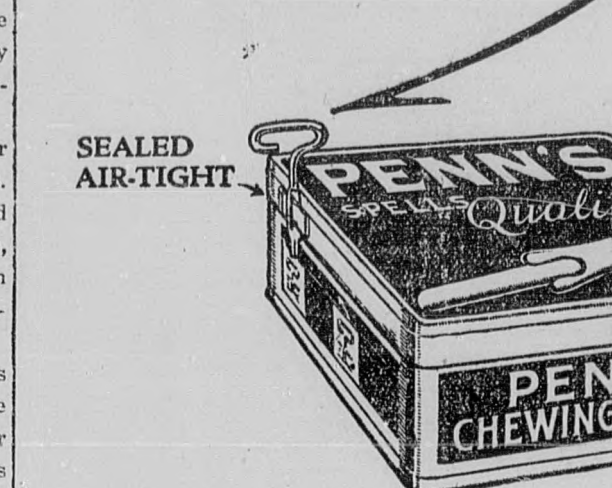
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POLICEMEN SHOT BY BANDITS. ATTEMPT TO ROB POST OFFICE.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Charles Wilkes, an alleged bank robber and fugitive from justice, is being held here on charges of assault to murder; Claude Wilson, his alleged accomplice, is in a hospital, and Policeman Crabtree was probably fatally shot in a gun battle between the officer and three men who were trying to rob the Fairview post office. Wilkes is an alleged fugitive from Virginia, where he was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary for bank robbery.

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